is being obtained from the Government of Maharashtra and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Renaming Connaught Place and Connaught Circus

1744. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Connaught Place and Connaught Circus have recently been renamed as Rajiv Chowk and Indira Chowk respectively;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the decision has been challenged in the Delhi High Court as being violative of the Home Ministry Regulations dated 26th September, 1976 in this regard;

(c) whether the Delhi High Court has called upon the Union Government to clarify its stand in this regard; and

(d) if so, Government's reaction thereto and the affidavit filed by them in reply to the High Court's directive?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) The decision to rename Connaught Place and Connaught Circus as "Rajiv Chowk" and "Indira Chowk" respectively was taken by the Government as far back as August, 1995.

(b) to (d) yes, Sir. The matter is *sub-judice*.

Terrorist activities in Jharkhand

1745. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Jharkhand has been in the grip of terror let loose by several illegal groups of anti-social ultras;

(b) if so, the details of the terrorist activities committed by these groups in Jharkhand since its creation;

(c) the details of the support provided to the State Government to tackle the menace; and

(d) whether concrete action by the neighbouring States to detect the hide-outs of these ultra groups in their respective territories and apprehend them, are being adequately coordinated and implemented especially with a view to bring the members of these terrorist groups to book?